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Mr. Black:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH") on behalf of the Children's Special Health Care Services ("CSHCS") and contained in LSA Document 09-1. The proposed rule amends 410 IAC 3-2 to add a definition for autism and makes changes regarding its treatment and payment of treatment. These changes include limiting the payment for Applied Behavioral Analysis ("ABA") for treatment of autism to maximum payment of \$10,000 per participant per year.

The impact statement provided by ISDH indicates that the impact of this rule on small businesses is expected to be minor. The only provision of the proposed rule affecting cost for small businesses is the new yearly maximum payment level for ABA therapy. The CSHCS program paid a total of \$13,219.29 for ABA therapy for approximately 18 participants for the State Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. During the first three months of the current fiscal year, the program paid \$18,150.67 for nearly the same number of participants. It is anticipated that these costs will only increase. If the program does not cover the cost of all services utilized, it can be anticipated that some participants may elect to stop therapy sessions past their covered amount. Thus, affected small businesses could incur some costs in the form of lost revenue.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact associated with this proposed rule. The potential economic impact would take the form of a reduction in revenue which would occur in the event that patients elect not to receive treatment for which the cost is not covered by the CSHCS program.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or [rasberry@iedc.in.gov](mailto:rasberry@iedc.in.gov).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Asberry".

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